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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

REF: STATE 203889

1. CIRCUMSTANCES, TENOR AND CONTENT OF MCCLOSKEY'S STATEMENT OF OCT 15 RE ARMS RESUPPLY WERE RELATIVELY FAVORABLE, WE ESTIMATE. CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDED PRIOR FEATURING BY BBC OF REPORTED STATEMENT BY SOVIET AMB AT BEIRUT THAT SYRIA BEING PROVIDED A FANTASTIC NEW WEAPON BY USSR.

2. LOCAL PRESS PLAY ON MCCLOSKEY STATEMENT IS FACTUAL, SO FAR. ASSUME SADAT ADDRESSING SUBJECT TODAY AND

LARG REACTIONS MAY ECHO HIS.

3. DO NOT ANTICIPATE BEING CALLED DOWN TO MFA AGAIN SO SOON AFTER ITS OCT 14 PROTEST AND WARNING ON THIS AND RELATED SUBJECTS. ALL LOCAL PUBLICITY ON THAT DEMARCHE, INCLUDING TV CLIP, WAS OF COURSE 100 PER CENT ON WHAT LARG HAD TO SAY, NOT WE. AS THINGS

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PRESENTLY STAND, NEXT SUMMONS SHOULD BE FOR NOTICE

OF HOW LARG FOLLOWING THROUGH ON ITS WARNING, BUT
WE DOUBT IF THEY HAVE MADE UP THEIR MINDS YET ON
THE MODE OF REPRISAL, IF ANY. IT MAY EMERGE AT
OAPEC MEETING IN KUWAIT.

4. WOULD PREFER AT THIS POINT TO LET RECORD STAND
AS IT IS RATHER THAN ASK FOR APPOINTMENT TO MAKE
DEMARCHE OUTLINED STATE 203684. HAVE MADE MANY OF
THE POINTS ALREADY, OCT 14, IN REPLY TO LARG PROTEST.
ALSO FEEL THAT OUR INTERESTS HERE BETTER PRESERVED BY
A LOW PROFILE THAN BY TAKING INITIATIVE TO JUSTIFY
OUR WAYS. NO LARG OFFICIAL COULD POSSIBLY CONCEDE
OUR ARGUMENTS ANYWAY.
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